The humble Answer OF THE LORDS and COMMONS Assembled in *Parliament*,

To the Message of the 25 of August, received from his MAIESTY, by the Earles of *South-Hampton* and *Dorset*, and Sir *John Culpepper*, *Knight*, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Returned by the aforesaid *Sir John Culpepper*, by Order of both Houses, to be presented to his MAJESTY.

With a perfect Copy of his Majesties Message.

Also a Declaration of the Lords and Commons, concerning the beheaviour of the Souldiers in this present expedition.

With an Order of both Houses concerning Irregular Printing, and for the suppressing of all false and Scandalous Pamphlets.

Die Sabbathi, August. 27. 1642.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons, that this Declaration and Order be forthwith Printed and Published.

John Browne Cler. Parliament.

August 30. London Printed for *John Wright*. 1642.

May it plaſe Your Majeſty,

THe Lords and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, having received your Majeſties Meſſage of the 25 of *Auguſt*, doe with much griefe recent the dangerous and diſtracted ſtate of this Kingdome, which we have by all meanes endeavoured to prevent both by our ſeverall advices and Petitions to Your Majeſty, which have beene not onely without ſucceſſe, but there hath followed that, which no ill councell in former times hath produced, or any age hath ſeene, namely thoſe ſeverall Proclamations and Declarations againſt both the Houſes of Parliament, whereby their actions are declared Treaſonable, and their perſons Traytors; and thereupon Your Majeſty hath ſet up Your Standard againſt them, whereby You have put the two Houſes of Parliament, and in them this whole Kingdome out of Your protection, ſo that untill Your Majeſty ſhall recall the ſaid Proclamations and Declarations, whereby the Earle of *Eſſex* and both Houſes of Parliament, and their adherents and aſſiſtants, and ſuch as have obeyed and executed their commands and directions according to their duties, are declared Traytors, or otherwiſe delinquents; and untill the Standard ſet up in purſuance of the ſaid Proclamations be taken downe, Your Majeſty hath put us into ſuch a condition, that whilſt we ſo remaine we cannot by the fundamentall priviledge of Parliament, the publike truſt repoſed in us, or with the generall good and ſafety of this Kingdome, give Your Majeſty any other anſwer to this Meſſage.

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His Majesties gracious Message to both Houses of Parliament, sent from *Nottingham*, 25. August. 1642.

WE have with unspeakable griefe of heart long beheld the Distractions of this our Kingdom; Our very soule is ful of anguish untill We may find some remedy to prevent the Miseries which are ready to overwhelme this whole Nation by a civill War: And though all Our endeavours tending to the composing of those unhappy differences betwixt Us and Our two Houses of Parliament (though pursued by Us with all Zeale and Sincerity) have beene hitherto without that Successe We hoped for; Yet such is Our constant and earnest care to preserve the publike peace, that We shall not be discouraged from using any expedient, which by the blessing of the God of Mercy may lay a firme foundation of peace and happinesse to all Our good Subjects: To this end observing that many Mistakes have arisen by the Messages, Petitions and Answers betwixt Us and Our two Houses of Parliament, which happily may be prevented by some other way of Treaty, wherein the Matters in difference may be more cleerly understood, and more freely transacted; Wee have thought fit to propound to you, that some fit persons may be by you inabled to treat with the like number to be authorized by Us, in such a manner, and with such freedome of debate, as may best tend to that happy Conclusion which all good Men desire, *The peace of the Kingdome*: Wherein as We promise in the Word of a King, all safety and encour-

ment to ſuch as ſhall bee ſent to Us, if you ſhall cluſe the place where we are for the Treatie, which we wholy leave to you, preſuming of your like care of the ſafety of thoſe We ſhall imploy, if you ſhall name another place. So We aſſure you and all Our good Subiects, that (to the beſt of Our underſtanding) nothing ſhall be therein wanting on Our parts, which may advance the true Proteſtant Religion, Oppoſe Popery and Superſtition, Secure the Law of the Land (upon which is built as well Our iuſt Prerogative, as the Propriety and Liberty of the Subiect) Confirm all iuſt power and Priviledges of Parliament, And render Vs and Our People truly happy by a good Vnderſtanding betwixt Vs and Our two Houſes of Parliament. Bring with you as firm Reſolutions to doe your duty, and let all Our good People ioyne with Vs in Our Prayers to Almighty God for his bleſſing upon this work.

If this Propoſition ſhall be reiected by you, We have done Our duty ſo amply, that God will abſolve Vs from the Guilt of any of that blood which muſt be ſpilt, and what opinion ſoever other Men may have of Our power, We aſſure you nothing but Our Chriſtian and Pious care to prevent the Effuſion of blood hath begot this Motion, Our Proviſion of Men, Armes and Money being ſuch as may ſecure Vs from further violence, till it ſhall pleaſe God to open the eyes of Our People.

A Declaration of the Lords and Commons Assembled in PARLIAMENT.

WHereas diverse Souldiers have in a tumultuous and violent manner broken into diverse of the Kings Subjects houses, pillaged and ransacked them, under colour that they are Papists Houses, or the houses of persons disaffected; The Lords and Commons taking the premisses into consideration, doe declare and Order, that whatsoever Souldier or Souldiers, shall without the command of the Captaines of their respective Companies, or the Officers of the field, attempt upon, or breake open any houses whatsoever, or pillage or ransacke any house, shall be pursued and punisht, according to the Law as a Felon, And the said Lords and Com-

mons doe require all Officers of the Army to imploy their best endeavours, for the bringing of any such Souldiers that shall commit any of the insolencies aforesaid, to condigne punishment; that they may be severely and effectually proceeded against, according to Law. And the Lord Generall is desired, that this Order may be duely published in the Army, in the head of each particular Company.

August 30, 1642.

Ordered by the Lords assembled in Parliament, that this Order be forthwith Printed and Published.

John Browne Cleric. Parliamentorum.

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An ORDER of the Lords and Commons, concerning Printing.

Die Veneris 26. Augusti, 1642.

WHereas there hath beene of late great disorders and abuses by irregular Printing, to the great scandall of Religion and government, and a Bill is in preparation for the redresse of those mischiefes, which by reason of the present distractions cannot be so speedily perfected and passed as is desired; It is therefore Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, that no person or persons shall Print, publish, or utter, any Booke or Pamphlet, false or scandalous, to the proceedings of the Houses of Parliament, or either of them, nor shall Print, utter, or publish, any Booke or Pamphlet with the name of the Clerke of either House of Parliament set thereunto, or with any expression, pretence, of Order from both or either of the said Houses, without speciall Order from the said Houses, or either of them, or of the Committees of them, or either of them concerning Printing; And the same to be entred in

in the Regiſter Booke of the ſaid Company, according to ancient cuſtome; And the Maſter and Wardens of the Company of Stationers *London*, and the Uſher of the Black-rod, and Serjeant of the Commons Houſe of Parliament and their Deputies, are hereby authorized and required, to make diligent ſearch from time to time, for all ſuch Bookes and Pamphlets, to bee hereafter printed, and the ſame to ſieze and take, together with the Preſſes, and other Printing Materials, wherewith the ſame ſhall be Printed; and carry them to the Common-hall of the ſaid Company, there to remaine till either Houſe of Parliament ſhall otherwiſe diſpoſe thereof; And all his Majeſties Officers ſhall upon requeſt, ayde and aſſiſt to apprehend offenders in the premiſes, and to bring them before the Lords or Commons Houſe of Parliament, or the Committees appoynted for Printing, upon whoſe report of the Fact, ſuch courſe ſhall be taken with the ſaid Offenders, as ſhall be juſt. And for that purpoſe the ſaid Committees are to ſit at ſuch times and places as they ſhall thinke fit.

ORdered by the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, that this Order concerning Printing be forthwith Printed and publiſhed.

John Browne Cleric. Parliam.

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